



# CFH Non-Profit Status Granted

After many long hours and a tremendous amount of red tape, Care for the Horses received its long awaited status as a tax-exempt organization through the Internal Revenue Service. At the end of five (5) years, the IRS will review all of our activities to date and consider awarding us a permanent 501(c)(3) status.

As such, any donations made to CFH since December 31, 2002 can be claimed as charitable contributions on your Federal income tax returns. When you make a donation to CFH, you will be given a donation letter recognizing your gift which can be kept in your files until you file your taxes.

Furthermore, many of the sources of funding for our horse rescue operations are now available that were not in the past. This will enable us to expand our public awareness programs and provide our services to more horses and their owners.

## Four More Horses Find Permanent Homes Through CFH Program Bringing Total to 9 Horses Helped this past Year

This summer was very busy for the CFH volunteers. Five horses were donated to the program for a variety of reasons. In a few instances, the former owners remained involved in the process since their goal was to have the assurance that their horse would be in a permanent situation with a loving family that could provide a comfortable, safe, healthy environment.

The horses adopted since our last issue of Hoofbeats were as follows:

- ◆ A 21 year old Quarter Horse gelding in excellent health - placed in a new home where he and his new family are enjoying frequent rides to the San Pedro River and

everyday trail riding.

- ◆ A 21 year old Quarter Horse mare that was recently retired from gymkhana events - placed with a delightful 8 year old girl who will use her for light trail riding, occasional fun shows and 4-H events.
- ◆ A healthy 21 year old Quarter Horse mare that had never been ridden and was used primarily as a brood mare - her new owners will allow her to foal once or twice more, but will be retired to permanent pasture among other horses and enjoy the affection and care of her new family.
- ◆ A 21 year old Quarter Horse gelding requiring light riding and a barn - placed with a man who will use him for weekend trail rides.

Prior to these adoptions, five other horses were donated to CFH for permanent placement in adoptive homes. All of the animals have been doing very well.

Finding the right match between the donated horses and new families is no easy task. CFH volunteers meet personally with interested individuals and have them complete a comprehensive questionnaire which gives us an opportunity to determine the wishes of the person. Next, a site visit to the location where the animal will be kept is made. This information is kept in CFH's files and reviewed each time a new horse comes into the program.

If it appears that a suitable horse is received, the person is called and if interested, he or she will arrange to come out to see the animal. Since many people may want the same horse, it is ultimately the decision of the Board of Directors to make. This can be very difficult, but it is always based on the best scenario for the animal.

Generally, placement takes from 2 to 4 weeks, during which time the horses will be with a foster family. Veterinary care, hoof care, and proper feeding, along with one-on-one attention by the foster family takes place. This allows us to determine the temperment, special needs (if any) and individual characteristics of the animal...all very important to a new adoptive family.

Dr. Tom Teskey of All Around Large Animal Clinic and John Briscoe, Master Farrier, were unable to submit articles in time for this publication. We look forward to hearing from both gentlemen in our next issue.

In the meantime, we encourage you to send in questions you may have about medical or hoof problems to Hoofbeats. We will forward them to Dr. Teskey or Mr. Briscoe so they can respond in future issues of Hoofbeats.

- ♥ **PLACE YOUR AD IN HOOFBEATS FOR AS LITTLE AS \$10 PER ISSUE.**
- ♥ **WEAR YOUR SUPPORT OF CFH WITH A GREAT LOOKING CFH T-SHIRT - ONLY \$10 EACH**
- ♥ **CFH COFFEE MUGS - \$6.00 EACH**
- ♥ **CFH BUMPER STICKERS - \$2.50**

### Non-Profit Status of CFH, Horse Adoptions

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## Update: Debra Davis Abuse & Neglect Case

The trial for Ms. Davis on October 15, 2003 has been cancelled. She has agreed to a plea bargain of the charges of 2 Class 6 Felonies and dropping the other 9 charges altogether. The Judge may impose up to 2 years in prison or probation.

For those unaware, Ms. Davis' 11 horses were the impetus for the formation of Care for the Horses just over 1 year ago. The horses were removed from her care (or lack of it) last May. Nine of the 11 horses have since been placed in permanent adoptive homes.

## Adoptive Family Needed for Special Care Horse

We know there is a family out there with a big heart for an older mare that has seen better days. Could it be you?

This pretty girl has suffered some leg problems and needs a home where she will not be ridden. The perfect situation is to have her as a pet or a companion to another horse that you may have (or want to adopt).

She is pigeon-toed and has stiffness in her ankles due to neglect and lacks the flexibility to maintain proper balance. This makes her an unsuitable mount, even if good care improves her general condition.

She is a very sweet animal, though, and would enjoy brushing, bathing and light walks on a lead rope.

Her new home should be on level ground without many rocks that could increase her chances of falling or becoming severely lame.

Please call us if you are interested in meeting her or would like to help cover the costs of some of her care until a permanent home is found.

## CFH on the Web Soon!!

A friend of Care for the Horses has donated his time to build a website for CFH. With it, viewers can see horses that are available for adoption, read Hoofbeats, make donations, learn about upcoming benefits/events and get contact

information.

You will also be able to report abusive situations, contact us if you, as a horse owner, are having difficulty taking care of your own animals. You may also request information to give to someone else you know who might need our assistance.

If you, or someone you know, needs a safe place for your horses because you can no longer care for them yourself, you may want to consider donating them for adoption through CFH. The website is the perfect place to send an Email and pictures of the animals to us for review.

This is a great opportunity for CFH to share its goals with anyone who is interested. Please visit us after Nov. 1st when the expected completion date comes around.

**Horses are donated to CFH for a host of reasons, but most are wonderful, healthy animals that will make excellent companions and stable mates. If you would like to be considered as an adoptive family for horses coming into the program, please contact Ann Jost at (520) 378-0896 or write to: Editor, Hoofbeats, P.O. Box 884, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636. An application will be sent to you and an appointment made to visit your home and conduct an interview. We can then determine what kind of a horse you are looking for, and contact you when a possible match comes into the program.**

## CFH Sponsor-A-Horse Program

Not everyone is fortunate enough to have a horse of their own, and some horses are still looking for a place to call home. Why not become a sponsor for one or more of the horses in CFH's adoption program while it is awaiting permanent placement?

For only \$10 per month, you can contribute to the care of one of these special animals. In exchange, you will get a photo of a horse you would like to sponsor, a bio on the horse, and regular updates on its progress. If you wish, you may also arrange to visit the horse from time to time and do some of the care yourself.

Since all of the horses in our program are destined to be adopted out, you may continue to sponsor another horse when that time comes. CFH will provide information on new horses coming into the program to any interested parties that are would like to be a sponsor. And, perhaps, you may eventually apply to become the owner of a horse from our program.

Sponsors will help provide the costs of caring for these animals, many of which were neglected or abused in their former lives. Some are young animals that will make wonderful companions for many

years to come, while others are older animals in excellent health that still have many years of fun and affection left in them. Still others face the need for intensive, long-term care, or will have certain restrictions that prevent them from being ridden much.

It is tragic that so many horses come so close to being slaughtered for their meat when they have provided so much joy to others throughout their lives. Equally sad is seeing the ones whose owners lose interest and force the horses to live solitary lives without enough food, clean water, veterinary care or hoof care.

We applaud those owners who know that they must let their animals go for any number of reasons, and make the tough decision to donate them to CFH for a permanent home. Whether or not the animals were well cared for in the past, nearly all of them will need vaccinations, worming, hoof trimming or teeth floating while in the program. CFH pays all expenses relating to the horses in our program while they are in foster care. Your sponsorship of a horse helps defray these costs.

We invite you to sponsor more than one horse at any given time, too. And, if you have an appropriate place to keep one of the foster animals (perhaps even the one you are sponsoring), please let us know if you have an interest in doing that.

Please watch for our new website where more information on the Sponsor-A-Horse program will be available. We plan to post photos of horses needing sponsors on the site. Our small band of volunteers have been very

**Summer Benefits Yielded Much Needed Cash and Public Awareness of CHF Programs**

busy this summer doing fund raising events. Earlier this year, the Rockin JP Ranch in Hereford sponsored our Horse Adoption Day. And, in June, the ranch was also the venue for a Play Day for horse owners. Turnout was poor due to very hot weather, but those who participated had a great time. Several people came out to volunteer at the events and we are very grateful for their help. Thank you, Rockin JP for helping make these events a big success!

**Current Donation List of Live Auction Items for November 1st Fund Raiser**

- \* **New leather headstalls and other leather tack valued at \$95/up - Tennessee Donor**
- \* **One Thoroughbred Stud Service - Warrior's Last Moon, Native Dancer, Fleet bloodlines. Brenda Allen**
- \* **Three QH Breedings - Marvelous to Impress—Impressive, Poco Bueno, Doc Bar bloodlines. Sherrill Howton**
- \* **18 Holes of Golf with Cart -Turquoise Valley Country Club-Naco,AZ**
- \* **Western Painting - Lisa Cooley**
- \* **Handmade Western Decorator Pillow & Purse - Diana Crandall**
- \* **Handcrafted Western Cowboy Statues - Shelley Scriven**
- \* **Full Set of Nails/Hair Cut & Style - Center Stage Hair & Nails Salon (Tiffany Cranall/ Amanda Williams)**
- \* **Handmade Western Christmas Ornaments - Jody Acosta**
- \* **Carousel Horse - Equine Inn**

**We expect to receive many more valuable auction items. These items are very special, and many are one-of-a-kind. Please bid generously and support the CFH programs.**

**Thank you to all of our auction donors. We sincerely appreciate your generosity.**

**If you wish to donate to the auction, please call Ann at (520) 378-0896 or (520) 559-2224**

CFH Board Members and volunteers were invited to a driving show at the Sierra Vista Riding Club in late September to promote our organization. Ann Jost, Bob Jost, Diana Crandall and Judith Kressel cooked pancakes, sausage and made orange juice and coffee to sell at the event with proceeds going to the CFH program. Later, Jim Hatton and Bonnie Starr joined us and the lunch crowd for hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and soda.

Everyone had a great time watching all the beautiful horses, ponies, donkeys and mules pull carts and wagons. We had a chance to meet a lot of interesting people and to talk about our favorite subject - CFH. We thank Bonnie Coerper for this great opportunity and look forward to doing it again.

**What's Next, You Ask?**

We have included a flyer in this issue of Hoofbeats for our November 1st post-Halloween blowout at the Apache Pointe Ranch in Hereford. The evening will include costume contests, karaoke contests, dinner, live auction, dancing and fun, fun, fun! Please mark your calendars to be there. Tickets are on sale now and dinner reservations are strongly encouraged in advance.

Our two previous Fun Day events were such a hit, we are going to do it again. November 29th is the date and will be held once again at the Sierra Vista Riding Club. During the lunch break, C.A.N.T.E.R. will be having some demonstrations for our audience. As always, CFH offers family fun, so make sure you include the kids, too. Pre-registration for the contests is available and open to the general public. If you don't ride, at least come out and cheer the contestants on. They appreciate it.

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### Feeding Assistance Program a Big Success

A total of six (6) families were given assistance in feeding their horses or obtaining medical care through the CFH Feeding Assistance Program during the past year. Some of the reasons were due to job losses, divorce and even a case of abandonment of some horses by the owner. In the latter case, some caring neighbors took it upon themselves to feed the horses in his absence. CFH helped reimburse these Good Samaritans for their involvement.

Assistance was generally provided for a period of 1-3 months while the owners resolved their financial crisis. In the following 3-4 months, payments were made by these individuals back to the program as reimbursement.

If you, or someone you know, needs help feeding or obtaining necessary medical care for their horse, and cannot afford to do it, please feel free to contact CFH at (520) 378-0896.

***BUSINESSES AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS WHO DONATE ITEMS TO CFH TO BE AUCTIONED OFF ARE ENTITLED TO A FREE BUSINESS CARD SIZE AD IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF HOOFBEATS***

### Reports of Neglect or Abuse Investigated

In the past year of operations, CFH has been contacted by caring individuals on numerous occasions to look into cases of abuse or neglect. As mentioned earlier, one of those cases involved an abandonment of several horses by their owner. One of the horses was in the advanced stages of cancer and extremely emaciated. A visit by a local veterinarian confirmed the necessity to euthanize the horse. Eventually, the owner returned and has left the area with the remaining horses.

Investigations were also done in Huachuca City, Hereford, Wilcox and Douglas. Whenever possible, owners were contacted who took responsibility for the poor condition of their animals and accepted the recommendations by CFH to improve the situation. Follow up visits confirmed that the appropriate changes had been made.

In most cases, the results of these investigations resulted in a positive outcome for both horse and owner. Under the watchful eye of people and organizations like CFH, most owners will conform to the needs of their animals. Those who do not are subject to legal remedies and risk the chance of losing their animals and possibly facing prosecution for cruelty to animals.